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Next Meeting Catered Dinner/Christmas Party

Saturday December 7, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Krystall & Jason Johanson Hangar
20810 Elderberry Way

President's Message By Bob Mackey

Many thanks again to Marie and Randy Barber for the use of their hangar in November. Guest speaker, Taigh Ramey, had a great presentation on the making of <u>Masters of the Air</u>, an Apple TV+ production covering the life of a B17 bomber group operating out of England. It was Taigh's work that made so many of the scenes realistic and accurate. His behind-the-scenes photos, videos, and stories made for a memorable evening.

Tuolumne County's "<u>Airport Feasibility and Viability Study</u>" has been released. Supervisor Kathleen Haff and Supervisor-elect Steve Griefer met today with the Airport Advisory Committee, the consultants that prepared the study, airport management, and the public (That's us!). There is much to discuss about the economic benefits of the airport, but I will focus on just one part: **How to get the FAA to fund Pine Mountain Lake Airport**. Simplifying greatly, here are some of the critical steps:

- 1. Update aircraft registration and hangar lease records to show that more than 10 aircraft are based on county property at E45. That enables the FAA to consider E45 a "Basic" airport that is eligible for funding. Per FAA rules, only registered aircraft hangared or tied-down on airport property are counted. If your airplane is hangared or tied down on the airport property, please let me know so we can provide the county a complete list. This includes aircraft in the Gold Country hangars.
- 2. The airport must be in compliance with FAA guidelines. Some of the key guidelines include obstruction clearance near the runway, securing through-the-fence agreements with some landowners, and equitable access.
- 3. The County submits an FAA grant application, possibly for paving the ramp, runway, or upgrading lighting.
- 4. The County must agree to 39 particular assurances that ensure continued maintenance and operation of the airport.
- 5. The FAA can then fund a grant to pay for pavement, PAPI, signage, etc. and also ensure many future years of airport access.

Rob Compton and Gabe Coelho have served PMLAA admirably for several years, and will be taking a deserved break from Board duties. To fill their shoes, **nominations are open** for VP Airport Affairs, and VP Social. Actually, nominations are open for all PMLAA Board positions: President, VP Airport, VP Social, Treasurer, and Secretary. Nominations will close during the December membership meeting, followed immediately by election of the 2025 officers.

The December holiday meeting will be at Krystall and Jason Johanson's hangar on the south taxiway. We will have a band, dancing, drinks, and steak dinner. Look for the invitation details and dinner tickets in this newsletter.

PMLAA members and their guest are cordially invited to our Annual PMLAA Christmas Party on December 7th, 6pm-10pm at the Johanson's hangar 20810 Elderberry Way. Tickets are \$45.

The invitation and menu are attached. Please RSVP by December 1st*, space is limited.

Holiday Social Hour begins at 6pm, dinner served at 7pm, music starts at 7:30. Bringing appetizers or holiday treats is always appreciated. For information you can contact Gabe Coelho 209-617-4384.

PARKING - When parking off of the Taxiway please make sure your vehicle is parked far enough off of the Taxiway boundaries to allow for aircraft the pass safely.

No meeting in January, but please remember to renew your memberships!

-bob

VP Social

By Gabe Coelho

We had a nice turn out for our November meeting, plenty of good food and an interesting presentation. Many thanks to Randy and Marie Barber for hosting the meeting in their hangar.

The next meeting will be our Christmas Party, see the invitation and menu included with this newsletter. Set up for the party will be on Friday December 6th, time tbd. Anyone wishing to help with decorating can contact Krystall Johanson for information about that.

We are still looking for a nominee to fill the VP Social position for next year. The current VP Social is termed out so anyone who is interested in volunteering for VP Social can contact me for information or to answer any questions about the position. HAPPY THANKSGIVING to all



SATURDAY DECEMBER 7th

merry little christmas party

Dinner and Live Music From 6 pm - 10 pm Johanson's Hangar 20810 Elderberry Way Dinner Tickets \$45

Get Your Tickets Now

____Number of tickets_____ X \$45 =_ Name

Mail to: PMLAA, P.O. Box131 Groveland, CA 95321



MENU

Top Sirloin Roast Rosemary Braised Chicken Green Salad Portuguese Style Green Beans Potatoes Bread Dessert

PMLAA Supports Toys for Tots!

Groveland is working with the US Marines Toys for Tots program to provide Christmas toys to needy local children. Toys for Tots collects new unwrapped toys or money donations to provide Christmas gifts for area kids who need our help. <u>Please bring your unwrapped present (or check)</u> to the PMLAA Holiday party on December 7. We can make a difference for local children!

If you are not attending the party, you can drop off your donations at the Grill, Library, Mar-Val or



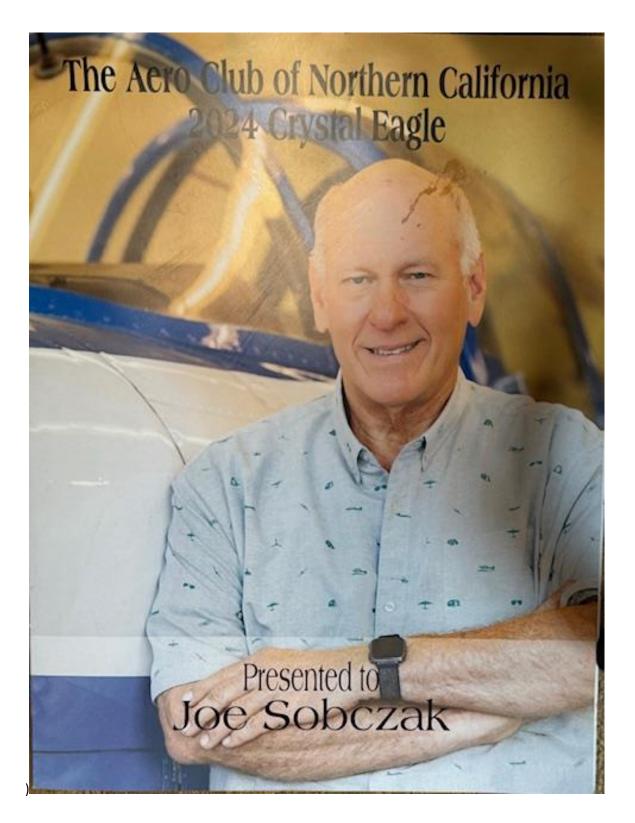
Mechanics Bank by November 30th. We have so much (even airplanes!) – let's be generous to others less fortunate. Here are some shopping ideas:

- Girls: board games, craft items, dolls, stuffed animals, grooming supplies, current movie
 merchandise, anything Disney or Barbie, horse toys, pierced earrings, coloring books and crayons,
 art supplies, PlaySkool, make-up, puzzles, current movie DVDs, princess stuff.
- Boys: Legos, sports equipment, sharks, dinosaurs, action figures, current movie DVDs, Star Wars, cars and trucks, anything Disney, hot-wheels, Tonka, building sets, coloring books and crayons, Playdough, Thomas the Train, art supplies, tools, puzzles, fishing gear.

Notes:

- Please no clothes, no gift cards, and no watches.
- Nothing physically large. If it requires batteries, be sure to include them.
- Make your check payable to Groveland Toys for Tots.
- Books will be supplied by Friends of the Groveland Library.

Thank you for helping to make Christmas fun and exciting for our local children!



Congrats Joe!

(Apologies for the flawed photograph)

2025 Calendar

Filled with everything you love Pairplanes, Yosemite, and PML Photos by PMLAA member Frank Leung













Only \$20
Buy them from Rob Compton or Janet Gregory or at the next PMLAA meeting.



Safety Corner

Will Return



Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association

Membership Application, Renewal and Update



() New Member () Renewal – no changes	Date:		
() Renewal – with changes		_	Publish on <u>1ember List</u>
Name 1:		Yes	
Name 2:			
Child Name:			
Child Name:		☐ Yes	□No
Mailing Address:		□ Yes □	lNo
City: State: Zip:			
Phone 1:		□ Yes □]No
Phone 2:		□ Yes □]No
Email 1:		□ Yes □]No
Email 2:		□ Yes □]No
Mountain Lake Airport, and the general community, the educational activities. Monthly Meetings: Held the first Saturday of each mor 6:00, check the PMLAA Newsletter or website www.pm Annual membership dues are \$25.00 per how please make check payable to: PMLAA Bring to monthly meeting or remit to: PMLAA Membership includes: Monthly electronic newsletter. Access to member directory (available or Invitation events.to monthly meeting of the company	nth (no meeting in Janua nlaa.org for details. ousehold. AA, PO Box 131, Grove ole <u>only</u> to members). ngs and airport events	ry or July), eland, CA	usually at
Donation (\$25-\$100 suggested) \$_			
Scholarship Fund Donation \$_			
TOTAL enclosed \$_			

2024 Meeting Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Time & Location</u>
Dec 7, 2024	Christmas Party	6 pm Krystall & Jason Johanson Hangar

2024 Aviation Calendar

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